

Amendment No. 1 to HB1089

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 439\***

**House Bill No. 1089**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Parent Empowerment and Testing Transparency Act.”

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Effective with the 2016–2017 school year, the department of education shall provide LEAs with access to their students’ Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests and end-of-course assessments, including Tennessee Ready (TNReady), and the students’ answers on such assessments.

(b) Upon request, an LEA shall provide a parent with access to their student’s TCAP tests and end-of-course assessments, including TNReady, and the student’s answers on such assessments.

(c) The release of assessment information pursuant to this section shall exclude any items required by the department to validate future administrations of the assessments; items that are being field tested for future administrations of the assessments; or any passages, content, or related items if the release would violate any copyright infringement law.

(d) A teacher shall have access to the teacher’s students’ information identified in subsection (a) to assist the teacher in determining the students’ mastery of state standards; in planning instruction and support for the students’ learning needs; and in improving the teacher’s instruction.

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(e) As used in this section, "parent" means the parent, guardian, or person who has custody of the child, or the individual who has caregiving authority under § 49-6-3001.

(f) The release of assessment information pursuant to this section shall comply with the Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act compiled in chapter 1, part 7 of this title.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6007, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) An LEA shall include, with the information required to be posted under subsection (b), a statement that informs parents how they can view the questions on their students' Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) and end of course assessments, including Tennessee Ready (TNReady) and their students' answers. An LEA shall also publicly provide this information to parents by the other methods of dissemination under subsection (b) that it has chosen or that are required, including publication in each school's student handbook, or other standard policy guidebook that contains the policies and procedures of the school.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.